

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION MARCH 2, 2015 IN THE COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 152 EAST 100 NORTH, VERNAL, UTAH. MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:00 AM.

PARTICIPANTS: COMMISSIONERS BILL STRINGER, MICHAEL MCKEE, AND MARK RAYMOND.

ATTENDANCE: MITCHEL KNIGHT, ANDRES BOWDEN, JAKE SLAUGH, COLBY BIRCH, DEVIN BAIN, RYLAN NASH, TYLER YOUNG, EDWARD ZURBUCHEN, TALITHA VALDEZ, KATIE SCHOENFELD, OAKLEE TROGSTAD, ETHAN SCHOENFELD, LAKOTA RENWICK, MICHELLE BAIN, JARED MCKEACHNIE, CAMREN RICHARDS, BRAYDEN SEARLE, CONNER MCKEACHNIE, BRIDGER EVANS, RYAN YOUNG, K Aidan REDDEN, EMILY SLAUGH, TEERA YOUNG, ALISHA HALES, KYLIE LARSEN, KENLEE SCOTT, BRANDON KEMP, KELTON HUBER, MELISSA HUBER, JC BREWER, CHERYL STOCKS, WENDI LONG, ROBIN O'DRISCOLL, ADAM MASSEY, HEATHER HOYT, CHERYL MEIER, MICHAEL WILKINS, LOREN ANDERSON, AND JON STEARMER.

PRAYER GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER RAYMOND

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY BARBAR SIMPER

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMISSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 23, 2015

WARRANTS DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$301,898.11 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

TAX MATTERS – MICHAEL WILKINS

ENRIQUE VALENCIA HAS APPLIED FOR A DEFERRAL OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX FOR SERIAL NUMBER 05:121:0023. THIS HOME WAS INHERITED FROM HIS GRANDMOTHER WITH DELINQUENT TAXES HE WAS UNAWARE OF. HE HAS RECENTLY MOVED BACK AND IS NOW LIVING IN THE HOME. HE IS DOING HIS BEST TO BRING IT CURRENT.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE TAX DEFERRAL AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS LICENSES: LOREN ANDERSON

LOREN ANDERSON WAS ASKED TO PRESENT THE BUSINESS LICENSES FOR APPROVAL TODAY. BOTH ARE TAXIDERMY BUSINESSES.

QUILL SETTER TAXIDERMY, OWNED BY CHRISTOPHER WILSON, LOCATED AT 3944 EAST 5000 SOUTH, VERNAL IN A-1 ZONING. THIS IS A HOME BASED BUSINESS FOR BIRD TAXIDERMY ONLY. APPROVAL IS RECOMMENDED WITH THE CONDITIONS TO FOLLOW ALL A-1 ZONING AND HOME BUSINESS REGULATIONS AS WELL AS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

MOUNTAIN MAN TAXIDERMY, OWNED BY LANCE HADLOCK, LOCATED AT 3802 SOUTH 500 WEST, VERNAL IN A-1 ZONING. THIS IS A HOME BASED BUSINESS. THE CUP WAS APPROVED ABOUT A YEAR AGO AND HE HAS BUILT A SHOP BEHIND THE HOME. HE WILL TAKE ALL TYPES OF ANIMALS. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED WITH THE CONDITIONS TO FOLLOW ALL A-1 ZONING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSES WITH THEIR RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED ANY TRANSFER OF COUNTY LAND MUST BE PART OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

CEMETERY CERTIFICATES - MICHAEL WILKINS

LYNN TRUMAN AND CARLINDA TRUMAN PURCHASED LOT 53 SPACES 16 AND 17 IN THE GUSHER CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$500.00.

TOM REIDHEAD AND JOAN REIDHEAD PURCHASED BLOCK 146, LOT B, SPACES 1-8 IN THE LAPOINT CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$1,600.00.

MITCHELL K. HANBERG PURCHASED LOT 795 A SPACE 1 IN THE MAESER FAIRVIEW CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$300.00.

MITCHELL K. HANBERG PURCHASED LOT 834, SPACES 1 – 4 AND LOT 833A SPACE 1 IN THE MAESER FAIRVIEW CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$1,500.00.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY CERTIFICATES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

POSSIBLE BID AWARD: MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE

MICHAEL WILKINS RECOMMENDED THE BID BE AWARDED TO DUSTBUSTERS INC. FOR \$85 PER TON FOR THE PRODUCT AND \$9.50 PER TON TO APPLY THE PRODUCT. THE ROAD DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO APPLY ALL OF THE PRODUCT THEMSELVES BUT WOULD LIKE THE OPTION TO ALLOW DUSTBUSTERS INC. TO APPLY IT IF NECESSARY.

BRYAN MEIER ADDRESSED THE MEETING. THEY HAVE USED THIS PRODUCT IN THE PAST. THIS COMPANY WAS AWARDED THE BID LAST YEAR. THEY HAVE STARTED USING THE MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE ON THE GRAVEL ROADS TO HELP WITH DEICING. IT WORKS VERY WELL. SODIUM CHLORIDE, USED ON THE ASPHALT ROADS, IS GOOD TO ABOUT 14 DEGREES. MAGNESIUM CHLORIDES WORKS TO 20 DEGREES BELOW ZERO. IT ALSO KEEPS MOISTURE IN THE ROADS TO KEEP THEM SOLID AND COMPACT AND REDUCE THE DUST. IT IS APPLIED ONCE A YEAR. AFTER THREE YEARS, LESS HAS TO BE APPLIED.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO AWARD THE MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE BID TO DUST BUSTERS AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED.

JC BREWER ASKED WHAT THE COST IS PER MILE. BRYAN MEIER ESTIMATED THEY APPLY ABOUT 36 TON EVERY MILE. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED IT IS EXPENSE BUT EXTENDS THE LIFE OF THE GRAVEL ROADS TWO TO THREE TIMES. IT ALSO REDUCES HOW OFTEN THE GRAVEL ROADS ARE GRADED. IT IS HIGHLY EFFICIENT.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE CALLED FOR A VOTE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

UINTAH FFA CHAPTER

TALITHA VALDEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE UINTAH FFA CHAPTER, KATIE SCHOENFELD, OAKLEE TROGSTAD, AND ETHAN SCHOENFELD WERE PRESENT. THEY ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL FFA WEEK.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE NOTED HOW IMPORTANT AGRICULTURE IS TO OUR COUNTY AND HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO SEE YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO SIGN THE PROCLAMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE FFA PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

UINTAH YOUTH HOCKEY TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND TOOK A GREAT DEAL OF DELIGHT IN INTRODUCING THE UINTAH YOUTH HOCKEY TEAM. THERE IS A STRONG TRADITION OF HOCKEY IN THIS COMMUNITY. IT WAS STARTED IN A PASTURE MANY YEARS AGO AND IS NOW A GREAT FACILITY AT THE WESTERN PARK. THEY ARE WORKING WITH THE UTAH HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TO RECOGNIZE HOCKEY AS ONE

OF THE HIGH SCHOOL'S ATHLETIC EVENTS. WHEN THE HOCKEY TEAM COMPETES, THEY COMPETE WITH ALL THE HOCKEY TEAMS IN THE STATE; THEY ARE NOT GROUPED ACCORDING TO SIZE LIKE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS. OUR LOCAL HOCKEY TEAM HAS WON STATE AND IS HEADED TO NATIONALS IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

COLBY BIRCH CAME FORWARD AND INTRODUCED THE TEAM: JAKE SLAUGH, ANDRES BOWDEN, TYLER YOUNG, DEVIN BAIN, BRANDON KEMP, RYLAN NASH, BRIDGER EVANS, KENLEE SCOTT, KELTON HUBER, CONNER MCKEACHNIE, BRAYDEN SEARLE, KYLIE LARSEN, RYAN YOUNG, CAMREN RICHARDS, KAIDAN REDDEN, BRADEN SAMUELS, AND LAKOTA RENWICK. THE TEAM WOULD NOT HAVE WON WITHOUT THEIR AWESOME COACH, MITCHEL KNIGHT, COMING IN HALF WAY AND MAKING IT HAPPEN. THE TEAM PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH AN AUTOGRAPHED PICTURE OF THE TEAM.

MELISSA HUBER ALSO TOOK A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE ALL THE TIME THE TEAM SPENDS ON THE ICE AND TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR SUCH AN AWESOME FACILITY. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS:

CHERYL STOCKS ASKED IF THE CONFERENCE CENTER WAS STARTING TO GET BOOKINGS. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND REPLIED THE MANAGEMENT TEAM IS IN PLACE AND THEY ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING RESERVATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS. THEY WILL BE SPEAKING AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARCH 10TH. THE DATE OF OPENING HAS BEEN MOVED UP TO JULY 15TH.

CHERYL STOCKS THEN ASKED IF THE INFORMATION IN CLOSED SESSIONS WOULD BE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. COMMISSIONER MCKEE RESPONDED. THERE IS A LIMITED NUMBER OF REASONS THE COMMISSIONERS CAN GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. THESE ARE TYPICALLY THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO PERSONNEL, LITIGATION, AND COUNTY STRATEGY. JON STEARMER ADDED THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WILL NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY. THESE TYPICALLY HAVE TO DO WITH JAIL SECURITY AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. CHERYL STOCKS ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED THEY ARE COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE COUNTY. THE COMMISSIONERS DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION. THEIR RECENT CLOSED DOOR MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND DEAL WITH PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER STRINGER AGREED AND ADDED MOST OF THE TIME A FINAL RESOLUTION WILL COME FORWARD FOR THE PUBLIC.

JC BREWER ASKED IF PHASE ONE OF THE ENERGY ROUTE WAS ON TRACK TO START. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND ALSO NOTED THIS IS A TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT QUESTION. THERE WILL BE A MEETING TODAY IN WHICH THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AT 7 PM IN THE UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BUILDING NEAR THE ROUNDABOUT IN THE DOWNSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER ALSO NOTED THIS AFTERNOON HE AND COMMISSIONER MCKEE WILL BE AT THE RADIO STATION TO PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE. THIS IS NOT A QUESTION AND ANSWER CALL IN BUT IT WILL BE FULL OF INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON AND WHAT IS COMING. IT WILL BE REBROADCASTED AGAIN THURSDAY NIGHT.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE ALSO NOTED THERE IS A PROPOSED TEN CENT PER GALLON GAS TAX SPONSORED BY SENATOR VAN TASSEL THAT WOULD SEND 30% OF THAT TAX TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR A MORE COMPLICATED TAX BASED ON INFLATION AND OTHER THINGS THAT COULD DOUBLE THE MONEY. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE WATCHING THESE PROCEEDINGS CLOSELY.

JC BREWER ASKED ABOUT A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE. COMMISSIONER MCKEE REPLIED A DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET YET BUT IS ANTICIPATED EARLY APRIL OR THE END OF MARCH. CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL HAVE LANGUAGE FOR THE COUNTY TO REVIEW. THE LANGUAGE IS NECESSARY SO EVERY ONE WILL KNOW WHAT THE

INITIATIVE ACTUALLY SAYS. COMMISSIONER STRINGER ALSO NOTED THEY WANT TO ENSURE THE INITIATIVE IS DOABLE BEFORE THE PUBLIC REVIEWS IT.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AND WHEN DISCUSSION IS COMPLETE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND GO BACK INTO REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLOSED SESSION: FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION.

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 11:39 AM AND WAS RECESSED FOR THE COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIST AT 11:52 PM.

CLOSED SESSION RECONVENED AT 1:18 PM.

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED AT 2:04 PM.

PUBLIC MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:05 PM.

ADJOURN: MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:06 P.M.


MICHAEL MCKEE, CHAIR


MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR

